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## **Fort Polk Unit returns from Uzbekistan**

**Fort Polk, La.---** Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon, 7<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company will return Friday morning after serving over seven months in Uzbekistan in support of the war on terrorism.

The mission of the 7<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company is to conduct biological surveillance operations and is equipped with the Biological Integrated Detection System (BIDS)—a system mounted on a HUMVEE that is designed to provide early detection of biological hazards.

**A welcome home ceremony will be conducted here next week.**

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### **Media Advisory**

The unit is expected to arrive at the Jet Center, Alexandria airport at 7:15, Friday, May 3. If you plan on attending the arrival, please contact Ron Elliott at (337) 531-1418 by 5 p.m. today. The date, time, and location of formal welcome home ceremony here has not been set. I will provide additional information once it is determined.